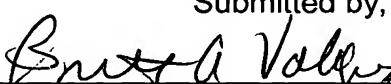


REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 23, 29, and 35. During the interview, the Examiner agreed to enter this Amendment which provides for dependency of the previously presented dependent claims on the allowed claims 23 and 35. For example, dependent claims 24-28, 30, and 40 all depend from allowed claim 23. Dependent claims 36-39 all depend from allowed claim 35. New claims 37, 38, and 39 contain the subject matter of previous dependent claims 32, 33, and 34. New dependent claim 40 contains the subject matter of previous dependent claim 22.

All the claims in the case are now allowable.

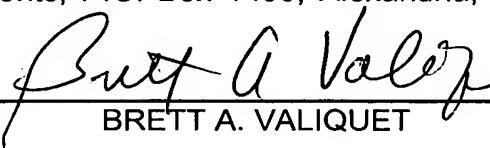
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